
Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Any city of the second class under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky may become organized and be governed under the provisions of this Act by proceeding as hereinafter provided. Organizing under this Act shall not change the corporate entity of any city, but the body-politic and corporate shall remain the same body that it now is.

How to Take Vote of People.
Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the County Judge in the county in which is located a city proposing to take the sense of its voters, as herein provided,

"Are you in favor of the organization and government of the city of _____ (naming the city in which said vote is to be taken) under the provisions of An Act to amend An Act entitled, "An Act for the government of cities of the second-class in the Commonwealth of Kentucky," which was approved March 19, 1894, and thereafter in due course became a law and as same has since been amended, all of which said Act and amendments now appear as Article 3, of Chapter

If it shall be found that a majority of the legal votes cast at the election herein above provided for were given for or against said proposition submitted, it shall be the duty of the Canvassing Board to certify that fact, and when the process shall be delivered to the Clerk of the County Court, a copy thereof delivered to the Clerk of the city, and at the next regular term of said court the County Judge shall cause the same to be spread on the order book of said court, and the entry of said certificate in the order book, or copy thereof, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein contained.

Sec. 4. All the present city offices, y
ave those of Mayor and Police Judge, fi
all, at the expiration of that year, r
which shall next follow the year in

Sec. 5. No person shall be elected without first having been nominated

"We, the undersigned, qualified voters of the city of _____ (naming it), and residing each at the place indicated opposite his name signed hereto, do hereby request that the name of _____ (naming the applicant), be placed on the ballot as that of an applicant for nomination for the office of _____ (naming the office sought), at the primary election to be held in _____ (naming the place) on _____ (naming the date)." _____

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the primary ballots to be printed, authenticated with the fac-simile of his signature. Upon said ballots the names of said applicants for each nomination shall be placed in alphabetical order, with a square at the right of each name, and above the names of the applicants for nomination for Mayor shall be printed the words, "Vote for one," and the above names of the applicants for nomination for Commissioners shall be printed the words, "Vote for four."

At such primary election the two applicants receiving the highest number of votes for nomination for the office shall be thereby nominated; and the eight applicants receiving the highest number of votes for nominations for Commissioners shall be thereby nominated.

Non-Primary Regular Election.

Sec. 7. At the regular election next following the names of the nominees shall be placed in alphabetical order upon ballots differing from those used at the nomination only in that they shall contain the names of the nominees only the names of the nominees.

Sec. 9. Beginning with the second year after the regular election herein first above provided for, at the corresponding times of the year, and on the fourth year thereafter at the

Mayor's Salary.
Sec. 10. The Mayor shall be elected

ment shall keep a public office at the city building, at which place he may be found or communicated with during stated hours to be fixed by him for the convenience of the public, unless special duty shall call him elsewhere.

Powers of Board.

Sec. 12. The Mayor and four Commissioners shall constitute a Board of

For each vote the yeas and nays shall be recorded; and each motion, resolution and ordinance shall be reduced to writing and read before the vote is taken thereon.

the streets, highways, bridges or public places of the city for any except a merely temporary purpose shall after its introduction and before its adoption remain on file at least one week for public inspection in the completed form in which it shall be put upon its final passage; and no such ordinance or resolution shall go into effect until the expiration of ten days after its passage, except in case of emergency the public health or safety shall require that it take immediate effect.

Sec. 18. The Mayor shall be the Commissioner of the Department of Public Affairs; and he shall have a general advisory supervision over the affairs of all the departments.

The Board of Commissioners shall at its first regular meeting designate by majority vote one Commissioner to have superintendence of the department of Public Finance; one other Commissioner to have superintendence of the department of Public Safety; one other Commissioner to have superintendence of the department of Public Works; and one other Commissioner to have superintendence of the department of Public Health.

Each employee shall be selected with reference solely to his fitness and or the good of the public service, without reference to his political faith or party affiliation, and the board of commissioners shall have and retain

At the termination of each fiscal

ing a permanent vacancy in said office the Mayor pro tem. shall act as Mayor and shall possess all the rights and powers and perform all of the duties of the Mayor and receive his salary under the official title, however, the Mayor pro tem until such vacancy in the office of Mayor is filled by an election ordered by the Board of Commissioners, for that purpose, at which

ers may fill such office temporarily by appointment, and said appointee shall discharge the duties of the commissioner whose place may be thus temporarily filled until such commissioner shall return or become fit for

Removal From Office. Sec. 22. In case of misconduct, inability, or wilful neglect in the performance of the duties of his office, the Mayor or any Commissioner may be removed from office by a unanimous vote of the other four members of the Board of Commissioners. But no such officer shall be so removed without having been given the right to have a full public hearing with rep-

the negative the ordinance shall not go into effect. But if a majority of the votes cast upon such question be in the affirmative, the ordinance shall go into effect as soon as the result is officially ascertained and declared.

Provision for Initiative.

Sec. 24. If a petition signed by a number of voters equal to at least twenty-five per centum of the total number of votes cast for both candidates for Mayor at the last preceding regular election for Mayor, stating the residence of each signer, and verified by the affidavits of some one or more persons as to the signatures and residence, presenting such petition

the majority of the votes cast upon said question be in the affirmative, the proposed ordinance shall be thereby passed, and shall become effective as soon as the result is officially ascertained and declared. And such or-

The Board of Commissioners may submit the question of the repeal or amendment of any such ordinance to the voters at any succeeding regular election; and if a majority of the voters cast on such question be in favor of the repeal or amendment such ordinance shall be thereby repealed or amended, as the case may be.

Publication of Ordinances.

Section 25. Whenever a question of passage of a proposed ordinance

Sec. 27. The Mayor and each Commissioner shall execute a guarantee bond to the city upon which an action may be maintained by any person or persons as shall be interested in the keeping of the covenants therein contained, in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), conditioned upon the faithful performance of his official duties; such bonds to be approved by the County Judge, and filed

city under the provisions of this act shall terminate and cease and said citizens shall file with the County Judge of the county in which is located such city, written petition signed by a number of legal voters of said

the city) abandon its organization and government under the provisions of an "Act to amend an act, entitled 'An Act for the government of cities of the second class in the Commonwealth of Kentucky,' approved March 19, 1894, and thereafter in due course became a law, and as same has since been amended, all of which said Acts and amendments now appear as Article 3, Chapter 83 of the Kentucky Statutes in John D. Carroll's edition thereof in 1909," adopted by the Gen-

regular term of said court the County Judge shall cause the same to be spread upon the order book of said court and the entry said affidavit in the order book, or copy thereof, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein contained.

When a majority of the votes cast shall be in favor of said proposition to submit the facts hereinbefore certified as hereinbefore provided, by said Canvassing Board to the County Clerk, and a copy of which shall be certified to the City Clerk and said copy of said certificate shall be spread upon the records of said county, as

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vantageous to the People.

Mr. Belyman will offer to the city, if the Commission Form of Government is adopted, to take that contract for one year either at cost to be determined after the work is done, or at a fixed price, with the agreement that if it costs less than that price to keep the streets clean, so that there would be a profit on the contract, he will return that profit to the city.

Under this offer the city will have what it has never had—clean streets—and will have the opportunity to learn what it costs to keep them clean. The contract for cleaning the streets has been one of the problems of city politics for many years. What it costs to keep the streets in the condition in which they have been kept no one knows except the officers of the company that has had the contract; how great the profits only they know, but everyone knows what the conditions of the streets has been.


Mr. Berryman, who has an intense interest in the

Is there any citizen who wants clean streets, and who is not directly interested in the perpetuation of the present system of allotting contracts, who will not welcome this opportunity to have the streets of Lexington kept clean at cost through the adoption of the Commission Form of Government?

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